



St Cecilia's Church
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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website
 at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

***'Sing to Him a new song, sing to Him with joyful melody'* Saint Cecilia**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Day for Victims of Trafficking

Sat.	7th Feb.	06:30pm.	Jim Duffy	(RIP)
Sun.	8th Feb.	09:30am.	Bert Upton	Anniversary (RIP)
		11:00am.	Ellen Macken	Anniversary (RIP)
			Emily Reeve	Anniversary (RIP)



Mon.	9th Feb.		NO MASS	
Tues.	10th Feb.	10:00am.	Emanuele Clementi	(RIP)
			David Keith	(RIP)
			Recently deceased	

We also pray for
Sheila McNamara
Anniversary (RIP)

Andy Chance
 Wellbeing

Fr David Tanko (RIP)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Wed.	11th Feb.	10:00am.	Anne Ferncombe	Special Intention
Thur.	12th Feb.	10.00am.	For the Intentions of John Regida & Family	
			Florence Bywater	(RIP)
Fri.	13th Feb.	06.00pm	Adoration and Benediction	
		07.00pm	Simon Ridge	Anniversary (RIP)
			Patrick & Evelyn Maguire	Anniversary (RIP)

Saints of the Week

10th St Scholastica
12th St Meletius
12th St Eulalia
13th St Catherine de Ricci
14th St Cyril
14th St Methodius
14th St Valentine

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat.	14th Feb.	06:30pm.	Sr Annette	Special Intention
Sun.	15th Feb.	09:30am.	Special Intention of A.E.	
			Olive Edward	Anniversary (RIP)
		11:00am	Welfare of Breda Morrissey	

The newsletter for St Cecilia's Church is available via the QR Code at the entrances to the church, via email on request or on the parish website.

Mothers Prayer Group meets 5.30pm, Sat. 14th February in Family Chapel.
IT Workshop Sat. 14th February at 10am in the Canon Beausang Parish Room.
 Please see **Parish Life** further details—on the noticeboards/QR/parish website.



Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Please keep in your prayers the wellbeing of: D.H, Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee McKenzie), Marie Goti, Michael Christou, John Rosenow, Mary Silva, Michael Hoskins.

Contact the parish office if you would like to be added to the names of those requesting prayers.

Repose of the Soul Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Quirke and pray for her loved ones left behind. Raise her up to eternal life O Lord and hold her in the palm of your hand.

Almighty Father be a comforting presence to those who mourn, assure them of Your love, and eternal peace.

Home Visits If you know of anyone who is housebound, a regular home visit can be arranged through Fr Ben for the person to receive the Holy Eucharist. It is important they continue to receive Holy Communion and that Pastoral Care is maintained, also for the Sacrament of the Sick.

Private Prayer Spend some quiet time with Jesus. The Church is open for private prayer every Monday from 10am and after Mass each day, until 7pm. Fridays until Benediction at 6pm.

Mass Intentions If possible please allow for 6 weeks notice for your intended Mass Intention/s to accommodate dates and times requested. In some instances, you may be asked to share and pray for two intentions at the same Mass.

Parish Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.

Notices for the newsletter Any notices for inclusion in the parish newsletter should reach the parish office email address by Wednesday of each week, for inclusion the following weekend. *Many Thanks.*

Parish Registration If you have recently moved to the parish and would like to be part of St Cecilia's parish family, please make yourself known to Fr Ben and pick up a Parish Registration Form at the back of the church. The form can be returned at the Sacristy or to the Presbytery, next door.

Second Offertory next weekend is for *The Clergy Support Fund* that provides essential care for the retirement needs of our aged clergy; for our sick and retired priests. Funded primarily from parish levies and donations, it supports clergy who have given their dedication and service in the South London and Kent areas.

Preparing for Lent

- 18th February - Ash Wednesday
- 20th February - Introduction of a **Bible Reflection** for Lent on Fridays
- 25th February - **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday at 7.30pm throughout Lent.
- 27th February - Friday **Family Fast Day** for CAFOD
- Holy Saturday - 10am **The Blessing of Baskets**

St Cecilia's Parish Council - Inauguration of Members Sunday 22nd February at 11am. Meet your Members after Mass.



Parish Life

All are welcome.

The Thursday Club meets after Mass, at 10am.

Knit and Natter follows on from the Thursday Club. Bring a craft to share.

Little Church (Children's Liturgy) is on Sundays at 9.30am and 11am

The Youth Group meets on Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm If you are in Years 7 to 11 you are most welcome to join for faith, fun and food. The young people are organizing a one day retreat on Monday 16th February. Pick up a leaflet in the church or email deiamorosc@gmail.com to find out more and sign up.



Mothers Prayer Group the first gathering for prayer is on Saturday 14th February at 5.30pm in the Family Chapel. Contact Ana on 07424 338445 for more information. Not registered? Come along.

The Gardening Club meets on the first Saturday of every month at 9am. Put it in your diary. All hands on deck. Bring your wellies and your shovels.



Devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary: If you want Our Lady to visit your home, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

IT Workshop if you are in need of technology support tailored to your needs, that enabling you to use your computer or mobile phone for more than basic tasks, come along to the Canon Beausang Parish Room at 10am to 11.30am on Saturday 14th February to find out more. John, a Tech Engineer will be on hand to help you out. Contact Marie Toomey for more information on 07929 973868.

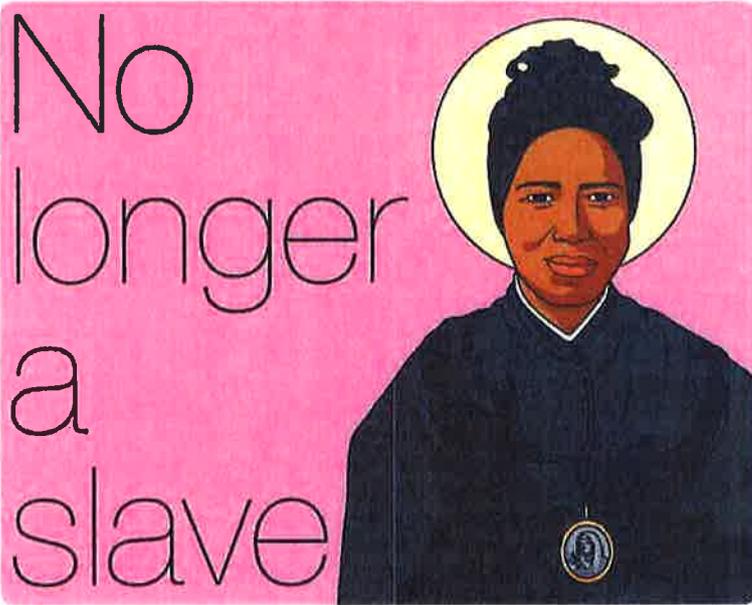


A DAY WITH MARY
in the 40th Anniversary Year
here at St Cecilia's Church
on Saturday 21st February 2026
Beginning 10am with the Procession and the
Crowning of Our Lady.
Mass Celebrant: Fr Benedict Fadoju
1.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Followed by the Luminous Mysteries and
Sermon by Canon Stewart Foster
4.15pm Fr Linus Clovis' Sermon on Our Lady
The Glorious Mysteries
Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
Bring lunch. Finish 5.40pm.

SUNDAY *Plus*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I Year A**

Day for Victims of Trafficking



I am thinking of the African Josephine Bakhita, canonised by Pope John Paul II. She was born around 1869 (she herself did not know the precise date) in Darfur in Sudan. At the age of nine, she was kidnapped by slave-traders, beaten till she bled, and sold five times in the slave-markets of Sudan. Eventually she found herself working as a slave for the mother and the wife of a general, and there she was flogged every day till she bled; as a result of this she bore 144 scars throughout her life. Finally, in 1882, she was bought by an Italian merchant for the Italian consul Callisto Legnani, who returned to Italy... Here, after the terrifying "masters" who had owned her up to that point, Bakhita came to know a totally different kind

of "master"... Up to that time she had known only masters who despised and maltreated her, or at best considered her a useful slave. Now, however, she heard that there is a [master] above all masters, the Lord of all lords, and that this Lord is good, goodness in person. She came to know that this Lord even knew her, that he had created her – that he actually loved her... Now she had "hope" – no longer simply the modest hope of finding masters who would be less cruel... "I am awaited by this Love. And so, my life is good." Through the knowledge of this hope, she was "redeemed", no longer a slave, but a free child of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, 2007, Spe Salvi, 3

Lord, fill my heart with your goodness.
Dwell in me and let me know your peace.
Enter into the dark places of my life –
there let there be light
that I may overflow with your love
and reflect your forgiveness
bringing forth the fruits of love and joy and peace.
✚ Amen.

When you fall in love

If you fall in love then it's impossible to separate life and breath from prayer. Prayer is simply union with God. Prayer does not need words. When people are in love, they look at each other, look into each other's eyes... Neither of them talks... Such is the life of prayer with God. You enter into God and God enters into you, and the union is constant...

God's love is insatiable. He wants us to go into the depths of his heart. But his heart is fathomless. Our defencelessness means to do his will... It means to forgive all enemies, great or small. It means to be his reflection. To forgive everyone who in the smallest way upset or hurt us is to be a reflection of his loving heart. So to be defenceless and to forgive is to be free.

Catherine de Hueck Doherty, Poustinia

We want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.

Pope Leo



St Martin de Porres: the embracer

By Sr Thérèse Garman OLP

Martin was the son of a black, freed woman and a Spanish grantee. In childhood, he experienced prejudice as local Indians were discriminated against and his father, ashamed of Martin's dark complexion, abandoned him. He recognised the need for social justice and by God's grace was able to bear the perceived inadequacy of his origins. Martin embodied a mix of races and heritages and saw beyond differences. He was a bridge-builder reaching out in compassion into another person's world to bring healing and unity. He healed a high-ranking Spanish official, thus showing the powerful the folly of division, oppression and hatred – all obstacles to receiving God's healing grace. He treated everyone regardless of their colour, race or status, including slaves brought from Africa. As a Dominican, he tended those forgotten, disenfranchised, maligned and overlooked by society. He begged for alms to feed one hundred and sixty poor people daily. Today, we are called to shun prejudice and embrace the humility and social justice modelled by Martin.

Sr Thérèse Garman is a Sister of Our Lady of Providence and a treasured former member of the Redemptorist Publications editorial team

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Monday:
1 Kings 8:1-7 9-13
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday:
1 Kings 8:22-23 27-30
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday:
1 Kings 10:1-10
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday:
1 Kings 11:4-13
Mark 7:24-30

Friday:
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday:
1 Kings 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mark 8:1-10

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

